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of death were: Malarial fevers, 11; enterocolitis, 3; typhoid, 1; tuberculosis, 3.

The case of smallpox reported last week is convalescent. No other cases occurred. The alcalde has organized a public vaccination service. The municipal physicians will vaccinate all who apply on certain days at stated places in each city district. Notice to this effect has been published in all the papers.

During the same week, ended the 18th, 23 vessels were inspected. Of these, 17 were inspected and passed upon arrival, and 6 were inspected and given bills of health prior to departure.

Respectfully, yours,

M. J. ROSENAU,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

Sanitary report from Yokohama—Plague and smallpox in Formosa.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *March 8, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the continued occurrence of a certain number of cases of plague at several points in Formosa, and of a few cases of smallpox at Taipeh, in the same island. With these exceptions, so far as I am able to ascertain, the sanitary condition of the Empire is at present satisfactory. The persistent presence of plague in Formosa constitutes, however, a grave menace to Japan proper.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,

Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Concerning arrangement with Japanese Government for disinfection of vessels bound for United States.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *March 7, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 3, 1899, approving of the arrangement made by me with the Japanese Government by which, when requested, they will undertake the disinfection of vessels requiring such precaution, and stating that said arrangement shall not be used or considered as a precedent interfering in any way with the right of the United States to detail officers at United States consulates to see that the regulations of the United States Treasury Department are carried out.

I have forwarded to the United States Minister at Tokyo a copy of your letter, that there may be no misunderstanding upon the latter point, although, as the consent of the Japanese authorities to act, upon the request of United States officials, is extended simply as a courtesy, and as, in any case, the United States bills of health can be withheld until the conditions on board are satisfactory, I do not see how the arrangement for disinfecting vessels at Japanese quarantine stations can be held to forbid, or do away with, other or additional precautions that may, in any given case, be deemed necessary by the United States officer responsible.

Since the present arrangement, which applies to all the open ports,